



Wild Pig Tags

Resident and nonresident hunters, 12 years of age and older, with a 2008/2009 California hunting license, may purchase wild pig hunting tags from designated license agents and some DFG offices. There is no limit on the number of wild pig tags one person may purchase; however, tags are nonrefundable and cannot be transferred from one person to another.

Wild Pig Hunting Season

Tags are valid throughout the 2008/2009 license year (July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009). There is no bag or possession limit for wild pig.

East Park Reservoir Wild Pig Hunt 2008

The California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) is permitted by the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) to conduct a limited public entry, permit-only pig hunt to control a small population of wild pigs on a portion of East Park Reservoir in western Colusa County. The area consists of grassland, oak woodland, brush and some wetland areas.

Individual hunters may be accompanied by not more than one non-hunter. No more than three hunters will be allowed to hunt at any given time.

Only muzzleloading rifles as described in Section 353, Title 14 (CCR) may be used. No dogs may be used. A pre-hunt orientation is required, and all hunters are required to check in and check out of the hunt area. DFG personnel will be onsite during the hunts.

Two-day pig hunt permits will be issued to hunters by drawing only for all pig hunt periods. Each hunter may apply only one time and for only one hunt period. No party applications will be accepted. Incomplete applications (cards) and multiple entries will not be accepted. There is no fee to apply.

How to Apply For a Permit:

Send a standard U.S. Postal Service postcard (available at local post offices), with the following information:

Hunter name (junior hunters must also provide name of adult chaperone)
Valid hunting license number
Address
City, state, zip
Telephone number
Hunt period and date desired.
Mail application card to:
East Park Reservoir Pig Hunt
Department of Fish and Game
1812 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95811

Fall Hunts:

Period 5 – Oct. 1 & 2, 2008

Period 6 – Oct. 6 & 7, 2008

Period 7 – Oct. 8 & 9, 2008

Period 8 – Oct. 13 & 14, 2008

Period 9 – Oct. 15 & 16, 2008

Period 10 – Oct. 20 & 21, 2008

Period 11 – Oct. 22 & 23, 2008

Period 12 – Oct. 27 & 28, 2008

Period 13 – Oct. 29 & 30, 2008

Application Deadline: Application cards must be received by close of business, Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2008. Permits with maps and additional information will be mailed to successful applicants on Thursday, Aug. 28, 2008.

DFG or USBR reserve the right to cancel this hunt and close the area to all public users without prior notification due to unforeseen circumstances or emergency situations.

Reported Wild Pig Take 2002-2007

Represented in Percentages

County	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07
Northern Region					
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	1	1	1	1	2
Lassen	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	5	5	5	5	5
Modoc	<1	0	0	0	0
Shasta	<1	1	1	1	2
Siskiyou	<1	<1	<1	<1	0
Tehama	5	6	5	6	6
Trinity	1	1	2	1	<1
Statewide %	13	14	14	14	16
North Central Region					
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	<1	<1	0	0	0
Butte	<1	<1	0	<1	0
Calaveras	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Colusa	2	1	2	2	6
El Dorado	0	0	0	0	0
Glenn	3	2	1	2	6
Lake	1	2	4	5	5
Nevada	1	1	<1	<1	<1
Placer	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0
Sacramento *	0	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	<1	<1	<1	<1	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0
Sutter	1	1	<1	1	<1
Yolo *	<1	1	<1	<1	1
Yuba	<1	6	5	<1	0
Statewide %	8	14	13	11	19
Bay Delta Region					
Alameda	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Contra Costa	<1	<1	<1	<1	1
Marin	0	0	0	0	0
Napa	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
San Mateo	<1	7	<1	<1	<1
Santa Clara	4	4	5	4	6
Santa Cruz	1	1	<1	<1	<1
San Francisco	0	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	<1	<1	<1	<1	0
Solano	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Sonoma	7	4	5	7	6
Statewide %	14	17	12	12	14
Central Region					
Fresno	3	3	2	3	3
Kern	17	16	11	14	7
Kings	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Madera	1	1	1	<1	1
Mariposa	1	1	1	1	<1
Merced	1	2	1	1	2
Monterey	21	22	28	24	20
San Benito	6	7	7	7	8
San Luis Obispo	6	7	7	6	5
Stanislaus	1	1	1	<1	1
Tulare	1	2	2	1	1
Tuolumne	0	0	0	0	0
Statewide %	59	63	61	58	49
South Coast Region					
Los Angeles	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Orange	0	0	0	0	0
San Diego	0	0	0	<1	0
Santa Barbara	4	5	4	3	2
Ventura	<1	<1	<1	<1	1
Statewide %	4	5	4	4	3
Inland Deserts Region					
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
San Bernardino	0	2	0	<1	<1
Unknown	<1	<1	<1	<1	0
Statewide %	<1	2	<1	<1	<1

* Split between two regions: Sacramento & Yolo: NC and BDR

Bear Hunting

Application Requirements

To hunt bear in California, all residents and nonresidents must be age 12 or older and have both a valid hunting license and a bear tag.

Resident bear tag applications are sold at license agents and some DFG offices. Nonresident bear tag applications are available from DFG offices only. Tags are issued in person or by mail at DFG offices.



Bear Tag Refund Policy

You may request a refund for an **un-issued bear tag application**. The deadline for requesting a refund is Jan. 31, 2009. Please allow 12-16 weeks for processing your refund. Refunds are not issued for unsuccessful bear tags.

Bear Hunting Season

Archery bear season opens **Aug. 16, 2008** and runs through **Sept. 7, 2008**. The general season for black bears opens with the general deer hunting seasons in deer zones A, B, C, D, X8, X9A, X9B, X10, and X12, and extends through **Dec. 28, 2008**. In the remaining X zones, the season opens **Oct. 11, 2008** and extends through **Dec. 28, 2008**. When hunters report harvesting 1,700 bears, regulations require the DFG to close the season early.

Bag and Possession Limit

One adult bear per season. Cubs and female accompanied by cubs may not be taken. (Cubs are defined as bears less than one year of age or bears weighing less than 50 pounds.)

Regulations

Any bear hunter who utilizes the services of a guide must verify that the guide has valid guide's license and must write the guide's license number on the bear tag in the space provided.

Any bear hunter who utilizes dogs to take bear must so indicate on the bear tag in the space provided.

Only DFG employees may validate bear tags. Bear tags must be validated before the bear can be transported except for the purpose of taking it directly to the nearest person authorized to validate the tag.

Every licensed bear hunter who takes a bear must immediately return the validated report card portion of the bear tag. The tag may be presented to a DFG office/officer or returned via mail.

Every licensed bear hunter who is unsuccessful in taking bear must return the report card portion of the bear tag by Feb. 1 of the current license year. The tag may be presented to a DFG office/officer or returned via mail.

Any person who takes a bear shall present the skull (even if damaged) to a DFG office/officer within 10 days of taking the bear. The skull shall become property of the DFG. That portion of the skull not needed for scientific purposes will be returned.

It is illegal to feed or bait bears for the purpose of hunting them. It is illegal to

hunt bear over bait or within a 400 yard radius of a garbage dump or bait.

It is illegal to sell bear parts in California. However, you have the right to retain any and all parts of the bear you take, except the skull which becomes the property of the DFG.

The use of dogs is prohibited during the archery season for bear.

It is illegal to use more than one dog per licensed hunter for bear hunting in areas when the general deer season is open. After the close of the general deer season an unlimited number of dogs may be used.

You cannot pursue bears with dogs unless you have a valid, unused bear tag in your possession. However, a hunter who does not have a bear tag may be in the field with a hunter who does have a valid bear tag in possession. The hunter possessing the tag may use your dogs. If you do not have a valid, unused, bear tag you may not possess a firearm, archery gear, crossbow, or other weapon capable of killing or capturing a bear while accompanying a hunter in the act of taking a bear.

The use of dog retrieval collars equipped with functioning treeing switches is prohibited. Treeing switches change transmitted signals from the radio collar when a dog raises its head to a treed animal.

2007 Bear Harvest

In contrast to the 2006 black bear hunting season, which ran its entirety that year, the 2007 black bear hunting season closed early—on Dec. 18, 2007 when the DFG received notification that 1,700 black bears had been harvested. The early closure is in accordance with the regulation change that increased the tag quota from 1,500 to 1,700 bears harvested. The DFG's License and Revenue Branch reported a total of 25,087 bear tags sold in 2007, the highest number of tags sold since 1999. The 25,087 tags sold included 24,839 resident tags and 248 non-resident tags. Non-resident tag sales increased by 0.3 percent over last year's reported sales. In total, 1,861 black bears were reported taken this year and overall hunter success was 7.4 percent, a slight decrease of 0.2 percent when compared to last year's success rate of 7.6 percent.

The success rates for particular hunting methods are as follows: hunters using trailing hounds were most successful, accounting for 47 percent of the total take reported—an increase of more than one percent over last year. The second-highest method of success arose from hunters who reported taking a bear while deer hunting; 31 percent of the total harvest represents a minor decrease of six percent from last year's totals. Archery hunters reported taking 8 percent of the total harvest, illustrating an increase of nearly one percent above last year's rate of seven percent.

On average, successful hunters spent four days in the field and 21 percent of these hunters took a bear on private land. This percentage

10-Year Bear Take Data

County	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Alpine	10	26	19	5	5	8	9	11	23	17
Amador	1	3	0	0	0	1	2	5	5	9
Butte	28	48	38	39	51	45	30	47	45	61
Calaveras	13	12	19	17	19	20	36	9	12	33
Colusa	6	2	0	2	2	1	4	8	2	4
Del Norte	51	53	32	18	28	22	30	18	27	29
El Dorado	44	29	61	61	61	61	63	47	62	69
Fresno	62	70	94	78	78	86	99	59	79	77
Glenn	22	27	33	18	25	27	31	33	35	26
Humboldt	142	164	130	110	147	113	154	98	140	117
Inyo	1	3	5	2	5	2	2	1	4	4
Kern	34	32	79	85	76	68	59	18	40	33
Lake	16	7	8	27	11	5	10	9	17	12
Lassen	22	30	19	13	8	26	18	18	20	18
Los Angeles	6	13	13	16	2	9	13	18	22	12
Madera	50	41	41	46	53	43	47	40	50	36
Mariposa	15	30	20	35	27	24	34	24	17	42
Mendocino	102	91	93	122	78	74	85	56	112	66
Merced	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Modoc	0	6	6	3	4	3	0	2	4	4
Mono	6	4	10	10	9	2	11	12	11	21
Napa	0	0	2	0	2	4	1	2	1	3
Nevada	9	15	20	17	14	15	19	18	29	25
Placer	36	32	38	37	34	38	49	30	41	41
Plumas	96	71	49	82	75	61	79	85	73	85
Riverside	2	2	4	2	5	3	2	0	2	0
San Bernardino	17	17	14	23	25	30	14	11	8	21
San Joaquin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	20	18	14	16	12	8	24	9	9	5
Santa Clara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Shasta	185	208	179	104	178	142	199	167	158	212
Sierra	12	33	31	34	28	16	19	33	25	31
Siskiyou	205	260	181	104	199	190	209	121	229	211
Sonoma	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Stanislaus	5	4	6	1	2	3	0	2	5	1
Tehama	75	86	65	79	81	67	67	63	63	71
Trinity	186	242	190	198	179	201	224	185	237	169
Tulare	103	75	133	130	138	158	88	62	87	143
Tuolumne	60	46	103	66	60	66	73	57	71	104
Ventura	24	20	27	21	26	14	24	16	12	24
Yolo	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1
Yuba	6	13	17	8	17	12	19	20	33	20
Total Harvest	1,676	1,836	1,796	1,633	1,768	1,670	1,848	1,418	1,822	1,861
Total Tags Sold	18,475	18,321	20,620	19,796	22,157	22,331	21,000	23,160	24,076	25,087

demonstrates an upward trend as it is nearly one percent higher than last year's reported success rate of 21 percent. Unsuccessful hunters spent more time hunting and averaged a total of eight days attempting to harvest a bear, a figure consistent with last year's report.

General bear season opened concurrently with the general deer sea-

son in the A, B, C, D, X8, X9A, X9B, X10 and X12 deer hunting zones. In the remaining deer hunting X zones, bear season commenced Oct. 13, 2007. During the general deer season hunters were limited to one dog per hunter.

Frequently Asked Questions...

Q. What is a Modified Preference Point System Drawing?

A. Under a Modified Preference Point System drawing, tag quotas for each hunt are split into two portions: one portion awarded by preference point drawings; the other portion awarded in draw-by-choice drawings. Quota splits vary, depending on the species, total number of available tags, or other special criteria (such as those for apprentice deer hunts).

Q. How do I earn preference points?

A. You may earn one preference point per year, per species, as follows:

Deer - Earn one preference point if you apply for the premium deer tag drawing but are not drawn for your first tag choice.

Elk, Pronghorn Antelope and Bighorn Sheep - Earn one preference point for each species if you apply for the drawing for that species but do not receive a tag.

Q. When do I lose preference points?

A. You lose all accumulated preference points for a species, as follows:

Deer - You lose all accumulated preference points when you are drawn for a premium tag as your first choice.

Elk, Pronghorn Antelope and Bighorn Sheep - You lose all accumulated preference points for a species if you receive a tag for that species.

You also lose all accumulated preference points for any species if you do not participate in the drawing for that species for five (5) consecutive years.

Q. Can I transfer my preference points from one species to another?

A. No. Preference points are earned for a particular species and cannot be transferred to any other species.

Q. How will the DFG track my preference points?

A. The DFG tracks preference points for current and future drawings using the information you provide on your drawing applications, including name, date of birth, and permanent hunter identification number (driver license number, DMV identification number or hunter identification number assigned by the DFG).

For the DFG to accurately track your preference points, you must provide the same personal information and hunter identification number on your drawing applications each year. If you have changes or corrections to your name, mailing address, date of birth or hunter identification number, you must notify the DFG in writing at:

License and Revenue Branch
1740 N. Market Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95834
email: point@dfg.ca.gov

Q. I'm a hunter without a DMV ID number. How do I get a DFG ID number?

A. Hunters are automatically assigned a DFG ID number by our drawing system. If you applied in last year's drawing, your DFG ID number is printed on your mailing labels.

Q. I do not wish to apply for a premium deer hunt this year. How can I earn a preference point?

A. You must first purchase a 2008/2009 California hunting license and First-Deer Tag Application. On your application, write the point code (PD) as your first tag choice and mail to the DFG's License and Revenue Branch. **Important!** Your application must be **received** by 5:00 p.m., June 2, 2008.

Q. If I am successful in the premium deer drawing for my second or third choice, do I earn a preference point?

A. Yes. If you are not drawn for your first choice premium tag, you earn one preference point, even if you are drawn for a premium tag as your second or third choice.

Q. I am unable to hunt this year. Can I still earn a preference point for elk, pronghorn antelope or bighorn sheep?

A. Yes, you must first purchase a 2008/2009 California hunting license. Complete the appropriate application for that species, write the "Point Only" code in the hunt choice box and mail your application(s) with the appropriate nonrefundable processing fees to the DFG's License and Revenue Branch. Your application(s) and fees must be **received** by 5:00 p.m., June 2, 2008.

Q. Do I earn a preference point if my application is received after the deadline?

A. No. Your application will be disqualified and no preference point will be earned if your application is late, incomplete, ineligible or received without proper processing fees.

Q. If I apply and am unsuccessful in receiving my first tag choice and I request a refund of my tag fee, do I still earn a preference point?

A. Yes. You can receive a refund of your tag fee and still earn a preference point. Hunting license, application processing fees, and license agent fees are non-refundable.

Q. If I am drawn for my first choice tag for a premium zone or hunt that does not fill in the drawing, do I still lose my preference points?

A. Yes. If you are drawn for your first choice premium tag, you lose all your

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points for deer, whether or not the tag quota fills for that zone or hunt.

Q. If I am successful in the premium deer tag drawing for my first choice and I am unable to hunt, can I return my tag and have my preference point reinstated?

A. No. Once you are drawn for your first choice in the premium deer tag drawing all of your deer preference points are lost and can not be reinstated.

Q. I was drawn for a buck antelope tag two years ago. Can I apply for a buck antelope tag this year?

A. Yes. There is no longer a 10-year waiting period for buck antelope tags.

Q. If I am drawn for an elk, pronghorn antelope or bighorn sheep tag, pay for the tag but I am unable to hunt, what happens to my preference points?

A. Once you purchase the tag, whether or not you use it, you lose all preference points for that species.

Q. If I am drawn for an elk, pronghorn antelope, or bighorn sheep tag but do not purchase the tag, do I lose my preference points for that species?

A. No. If you do not purchase the tag, you will not lose your preference points for that species.

Q. I have been unsuccessful in the draw for the last seven years. I only have six points. When did the DFG start tracking points?

A. The DFG started tracking points in 2002.

Q. I am applying in the deer drawing and have the maximum number of points (which is six as of 2008). If I apply as a party with my hunting partner who does not have any points, are my chances of getting a tag less than if I applied alone?

A. Yes, the preference point value for party applications entered in the Big Game Drawing is determined by averaging all party members' points (total preference points of the party divided by the number of party members). Your party's preference point value will be three (six total points divided by two party members). If you applied alone, your preference point value would be six (six total points divided by one party member). If you apply as a party with a hunter with 0 points, your application will not be processed in the preference round of the drawing until all applications with greater than three points have been processed. For many hunts, there are more maximum point applicants than there are preference tags, so your odds of drawing a preference tag would be very low. However, there is always a chance your party could get drawn in the random portion of the drawing where success is determined strictly by your random number and the number of available tags.

Q. Can a member of my party be a junior hunter?

A. Yes, as long as they possess a valid junior hunting license and are at least 12 years of age as of July 1 of the license year for which they are applying, or at the time of application if they are applying after July 1.

Q. Can a member of my party be a nonresident?

A. Nonresidents may apply in a party for deer, but not for elk, antelope or bighorn sheep.

Q. Can one of our party members choose a different zone or hunt as their second or third tag choice?

A. No. All party members' tag choices must be the same.

Q. The 2007 deer drawing statistics indicate that a hunter with one preference point was drawn for a X8 tag. I applied as a party and our point total was 1.67. Why didn't we receive a tag?

A. Party applications are not split when there are fewer tags available than the number of members in a party. Therefore, there may be party applications with a higher point value that did not receive a tag. For example, when the final X8 tag was awarded, there were several party applications with greater than one point. However, since there was only one available tag, these applications were bypassed.

Q. My application for a premium deer tag was received after the drawing deadline. I will not receive a preference point for this year. Will I lose my points from previous years because my application was not received on time?

A. No; however, a hunter's points are reduced to zero when they have not applied for five (5) consecutive years. Applying late is considered the same as not applying.

Q. How will the DFG notify applicants if they earned a preference point?

A. Individual preference point information will be included in Big Game Drawing information packets mailed to drawing participants each April. If you have questions regarding your preference point totals you must contact the License and Revenue Branch, 1740 N. Market Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95834 in writing or visit our Web site at <https://biggame.dfg.ca.gov/bgpoints> after September 2008 to view your most current Preference Point totals.